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FOIA/PA Mail Referral Unit
U.S. Department of Justice
Room 115
LOC Building
Washington, DC 20530-0001

Re: **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) REQUEST
of Gun Owners of America**

Dear Sirs:

We represent Gun Owners of America ("GOA"), and submit this Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") request on its behalf to the Department of Justice ("DOJ").

GOA is a nonprofit social welfare organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code. GOA's tax-exempt mission and purposes include educating the public and conducting activities in defense of the Second Amendment and the right to keep and bear arms. GOA's principal office is located at 8001 Forbes Place, Suite 202, Springfield, Virginia 22151. (For further information on GOA, please see <https://gunowners.org>.)

Record Request

DOJ's website contains a page called "Privacy Policy." Buried in the fine print is the statement "*Although the primary purpose of automatically collecting this kind of information is not to track individuals who visit this site, in certain circumstances and consistent with Federal law, the Department may take additional steps to identify you using this information and may share this information, including your identity, with other agencies.*"¹ Not only does this policy govern DOJ web traffic, but also a person is required to agree to this monitoring when signing up to receive email notifications from the ATF, and perhaps from other agencies.

¹ <https://www.justice.gov/doj/privacy-policy>.

Pursuant to the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552, we hereby request copies of the following records within the possession or control of DOJ:

- (1) Records identifying the “additional steps” DOJ takes to identify some visitors;
- (2) Records describing what additional “information” is collected;
- (3) Records identifying the “other agencies” (including federal, state, local, and international government agencies and/or nongovernmental groups) with whom information is shared;
- (4) Records identifying the number of individuals about whom DOJ has collected this “information”; and
- (5) Records describing the purpose(s) for which this information is collected and used.

We **do not seek** identifying records identifying specific individuals about whom DOJ has collected and/or shared such information.

Please mail the documents to the following address:

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Fee Waiver Request

We request that the search, review, and copying fees be waived as provided under section 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A) and 28 CFR 16.10(k). GOA is a nonprofit organization seeking the requested documents to educate the public on a matter of public importance, by releasing information that — in addition to contributing to public understanding on the workings of government — may have great effect on substantive policy discussions relating to the exercise of citizens’ rights.

The fees should be waived because release of the requested documents is in the public interest, and the requested information is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government.

The release of the requested documents is not primarily for any commercial interest or purpose, including any commercial interest of GOA. GOA intends to disseminate to the general public, free of charge, any important information it obtains as a result of this request.

If GOA’s waiver request is denied, we would appreciate an estimate of the costs involved in procuring any of the requested documents if such costs exceed \$250. If the costs do not exceed \$250, however, we do not need an estimate, and we will guarantee payment.

We would request that the 20-day response time imposed by 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(A)(i) and 28 CFR 16.6(b) be adhered to strictly. We look forward to hearing from you within 20 business days.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this request.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Rob Olson", written in dark ink.

Robert J. Olson

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cc: Gun Owners of America